

Everyone,

Just as a reminder, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March is the anniversary date of the war with Iraq. The below three articles, put together, could be a formula for a terrorist attack (significant date, stolen uniforms, surveillance). Remind your employees to report any suspicious behavior and always request identification when in doubt.

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(U) ITALY: Italy Prepares for Terrorism Attack. According to Italian anti-terrorist investigators discussions in a 17 March article in Rome's La Repubblica newspaper, cells of Muslim militants exist in several areas of Italy and may be planning a terrorist attack. The article contains information from a recent Italian secret document warning that at least 80 militants were clustered in cells dotted throughout Italy and some are willing to carry out suicide bombing attacks. Because of Rome's forthright support of the U.S.-led war on Iraq, many Italians fear they are next in line for a terror attack in the wake of last week's Madrid bombings. Italy has more than 2,000 troops deployed in Iraq. Security officials are particularly concerned that terrorist attacks may take place on 20 March, the first anniversary of the start of the Iraq war, 11 April, Easter Sunday, and the days around European elections on 12-13 June. In February, a report by Italy's secret services said Italy was no longer just a place where terror groups could find "logistical and financial support" but had become a "base of departure for aspiring members of Islamic Jihad and suicide bombers". (Reuters, 17 Mar 2004)

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March 11, 2004 Sheriff deputy uniforms stolen, beware of imposters

VANCOUVER WASH. - If someone who looks like a sheriff pulls you over in Clark County, beware. That person may not be a real deputy. Someone stole a van from a Vancouver dry cleaner that had several Clark County Sheriff's uniforms inside. The short and long-sleeved shirts are tan with patches on both shoulders. The pants are a forest green color.

The sheriff says if when you are stopped by a person in a law-enforcement uniform, and you have doubts about that person, ask for the deputy's picture ID.

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On 03/03/04 at 1734 hrs., members of PSP Bethlehem were dispatched to a T-Mobile Phone Center located at Robel Rd. and Marcon Blvd. Hanover Township Lehigh County Pa. The complaint was from a security officer. He stated a man of Middle Eastern decent was asking employees about entrances and exits as well as taking photographs of the building. Subsequent investigation revealed the identity of the male, listed below. When contacted, the male stated he works for a workman's compensation firm and he was doing an investigation on an employee of T-Mobile. A follow up with authorities at T-Mobile revealed that they had no workman's comp investigation authorized.

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